# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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Great Indian Bustard
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the Great Indian Bustardâ€"a magnificent bird of grasslands is close to extinction in the country;
(b) whether it is also a fact that Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Wild Life, Gujarat has submitted a species recovery plan of Rs. 187.13 crore for Great Indian Bustard to the Government; and
(c) if so, the time by which the aforesaid plan is likely to be approved and financial sanction accorded by the Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)The Great Indian Bustard (Ardeotis nigriceps) is a critically endangered species with around 200 birds remaining in its natural habitats. The species has been identified for conservation efforts under the component 'Species Recovery Programme' of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) - Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat.

(b) and (c)State Government of Gujarat has submitted a species recovery plan of Rs. 187.13 crore projected for a period of five years for conservation of the Great Indian Bustard under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (IDWH). Fund for such projects are provided according to availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary conditions including submission of relevant documents such as notification, maps, and the declaration certificate for which reference has been made to the state.
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